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SUBJECT: FONMIN STRESSES NEED FOR KENYA TO REMAIN ALERT

REF: ADDIS ABABA 1495

1. UPON RETURN FROM ADDIS ABABA VISIT, FONMIN DR. MUNYUA WAIYAKI QUOTED BY LOCAL MEDIA AS SAYING, "KENYA MUST STAY ALERT AND AT SAME TIME LEARN TO DEFEND HERSELF" AND THAT "OGADEN WAR WAS A BIG LESSON TO KENYANS." PRESS REPORTED IT WAS AGREED IN ADDIS ABABA TO RENEW KENYAN-ETHIOPIAN DEFENSE PACT WHICH IS DUE TO EXPIRE JULY OF THIS YEAR.

2. WAIYAKI, WHO REPORTEDLY WAS GIVEN TOUR OF AREAS OF RECENT FIGHTING, PRAISED ETHIOPIA VICTORY, STATING IT WAS "VICTORY FOR PEACE AND FOR PRINCIPLES AND DECISIONS OF UN AND CAU." WAIYAKI ALSO EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR PEOPLE OF ETHIOPIA IN STRUGGLE TO PROTECT THEIR INDEPENDENCE, TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND UNITY.

3. EDITORIALS OF BOTH LOCAL DAILIES APRIL 4 CALLED FOR KENYAN VIGILANCE IN FACING OF SOMALIA WHICH "PERSISTS
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IN ITS OBDURACY AND IS SEEMINGLY QUITE PREPARED TO START OGADEN WAR ALL OVER AGAIN." DAILY NATION CLAIMED THAT ASSISTANT SECRETARY MOOSE DURING MOGADISCIO VISIT "DISCUSSED ECONOMIC AND DEFENSIVE NEEDS" WITHOUT FIRST HAVING OBTAINED COMMITMENT ASKED FOR BY PRESIDENT CARTER RE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF NEIGHBORS. WITH U.S. PLAINLY IN MIND, EDITORIAL

COMMENTED THAT SOMALI OBDURACY "IS BEING ACTIVELY,
ALBEIT MISGUIDEDLY, AIDED AND ABETTED
BY ITS FRIENDS."

4. COMMENT: WHILE THEME THAT SOMALIA'S "FRIENDS" ARE BEING
CONNED BY BARRE INTO AIDING AGGRESSOR IS NOT NEW HERE,
STRIDENCY OF ANTI-SOMALI REMARKS FOLLOWING WAIYAKI VISIT
IS NOTEWORTHY. IN OUR VIEW, THIS ILLUSTRATES ONCE AGAIN
THAT MORE CONCILIATORY KENYAN ATTITUDE ON SOMALIA WILL BE HARD
TO COME BY, IF NOT IMPOSSIBLE, WITHOUT SOMALI RENUNCIATION
OF TERRITORIAL CLAIMS.

5. HOWEVER, AS IS OFTEN CASE HERE, DIFFERENT SIGNALS OR
AT LEAST NUANCES APPEAR IN STATEMENTS BY VARIOUS
MINISTERS. FOR INSTANCE, VICE PRESIDENT MOI IN RECENT
SPEECH IN NAIROBI WAS ANYTHING BUT STRIDENT
WHEN HE SAID "MOGADISCIO'S DECISION (RE WITHDRAWAL)
WOULD BRING ABOUT STABILITY IN THE HORN" AND "IT IS
OUR HOPE THAT WITH THE CHANGED SITUATION IN THE HORN
THERE WILL NO LONGER BE THE NECESSITY FOR FOREIGN
INVOLVEMENT IN THE REGION." WE BELIEVE THIS STATEMENT
MIGHT SIGNIFY AN EFFORT BY MOI TO BE RESPONSIVE TO OUR
URGINGS DURING RECENT WASHINGTON VISIT.
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